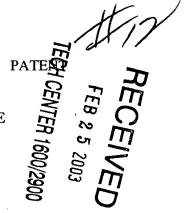
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In re Application of: Hansen et al.

Serial No.: 09/891,691

Group Art Unit: 1617

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 be extended for a period of 3 months from November 13, 2002 to February 13, 2003. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for such extension of time.

An extension for <u>two</u> months has already been secured for filing the above-identified communication and the fee paid therefor of \$400 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension (\$930), minus the fee previously paid (\$400) equals \$530 (total fee due).

In the event that an additional extension of time is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for such extension of time. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the required fee, if applicable, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447.

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Please charge the required fee, estimated to be \$530, with this application and to credit any overpayments to Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Deposit Account No. 14-1447. Please charge any additional fees, should they be required, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: February 13, 2003

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